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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/20/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Taiwan on September 30, 2003. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the Taiwan application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 5, line 2, numeral 53 should be numeral 43 and in line 6, Fig.10 should be Fig. 2 and numeral 56 should be 55. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 8, "is" should be inserted after "linkages". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. For claim 1, it is unclear whether or not the auxiliary table plate is to be claimed in combination with the elevation adjusting device. In the preamble of the claim, the device is the invention; however, in the body of the claim, the plate is positively claimed in combination with the device. For claim 10, "the second

adapting plate" lacks antecedent basis. Note: previously, "adapted plates" (plural but with no number assigned thereto) were claimed. For claim 12, it is unclear why a third supporting frame is being claimed when no first and second frames have been claimed previously. Note: claim 12 depends from claim 1. Also for claim 12, "the main table plate" lacks antecedent basis. For claim 13, it is unclear why a third supporting frame is being claimed when no first and second frames have been claimed previously. Note: claim 13 depends from claim 3. Also for claim 13, "the main table plate" lacks antecedent basis.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action. (The allowable subject matter being the auxiliary table plate having an elevation adjusting device comprising: a twisting element; two linkages at two sides of the plate, one end of each linkage being connected to the plate and another end of each linkage being connected to the twisting element; and a telescopic pressure pump attached to the twisting element which rotates the element to drive the linkages to then rotate the plate. When the pump stops, the plate becomes fixed. Note: in Lubinkas et al, only one link of each set is connected to its twisting element.)

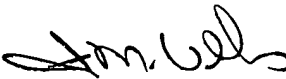
Claims 2-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet M. Wilkens whose telephone number is (571) 272-6869. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571) 272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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